

Frequently Asked Questions In-Use Off-Road Diesel Vehicle Regulation

Labeling FAQ

Q – Once I receive the ARB issued equipment identification numbers (EINs), what are the requirements for labeling vehicles?

A – After receiving the EINs, fleets must label their vehicles within 30 days. For fleets that report early and receive EINs earlier than required, the fleet will have until 30 days after their reporting deadline in 2009 to label their fleets. For example a large fleet with a reporting deadline of April 1, 2009 who received EINs now would have until May 1, 2009 to label their vehicles.

Fleet owners have a choice of how they want to label the vehicle itself. For example, some fleets may choose to label their vehicles with stickers, while others may paint the EIN on the vehicle. The EIN needs to be white on a red background, and located in clear view on the right (starboard) side of the outside of the vehicle, approximately 5 feet above ground. If the vehicle is not 5 feet tall, the label may be placed lower on the vehicle. Each character of the EIN needs to be at least 3 inches tall and 1.5 inches wide. Furthermore, the EIN must be maintained in a manner that retains its legibility for the entire life of the vehicle.

The photographs below show real vehicles labeled with EINs.



Q – What if I do not have room on my vehicle to place the EIN?

A – Fleets are responsible to make every effort to find a place for the label of the appropriate size. However, if it is not possible – for example if there is physically not a surface that will hold the label on the right side of the vehicle - a fleet may use a smaller label. The fleet must make the label as close to the required size as possible in order for it to be legible to enforcement personnel. If ARB's enforcement staff finds labels that are smaller than required without a valid reason, the fleet will be subject to enforcement action. The use of smaller labels must be for a valid reason, for example, fleets cannot use smaller labels if there is no room because of existing optional stickers and/or placards on the vehicle. If you have any questions about labeling, you can contact ARB about your specific situation.

Q – Where can I buy labels?

A – For a list of label vendors who have demonstrated that they can meet the label specifications, please see our website at:

<http://www.arb.ca.gov/msprog/ordiesel/labelvendors.htm>.

The listed vendors have provided a label to ARB meeting the specifications. However, please note that the listing of these companies does not constitute endorsement by the Air Resources Board.